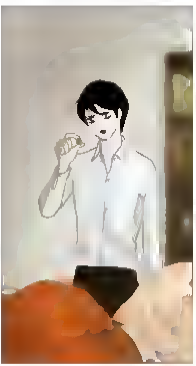

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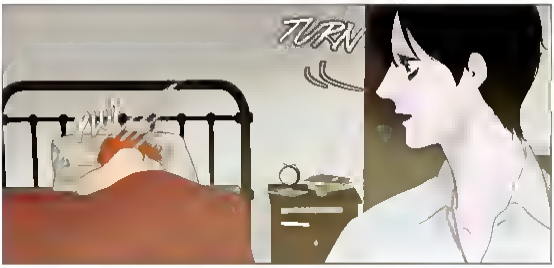
LOOK!!

HE'S CHECKING AGAIN!!!!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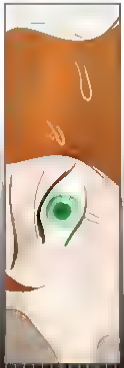
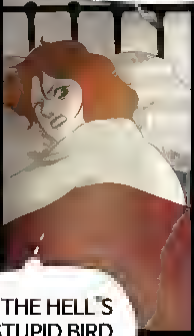


WHAT IF HE LEAVES WHILE I'M SLEEPING?

HUBERT SENT US HERE AND THE OWNER OF THIS HOUSE HAS A "RESEARCHER" FRIEND.
BLINK
EVEN IF THAT EVIL WITCH SAYS SHE'S DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER RESEARCHERS, SOMETHING'S FISHY.
MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST TRY TO MAKE A RUN FOR IT.
....!!!
BUT ROY, WE MADE A PROMISE.

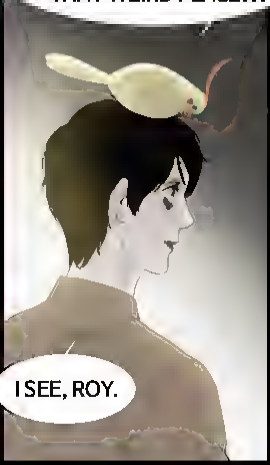
A PROMISE? HAH! YOU HEARD THAT GUY YESTERDAY SAY HOW POOR SHE IS! SHE'D SELL US IN A HEARTBEAT TO MAKE SOME MONEY.

SHE JUST WANTS TO HEAR OUR STORY AND THEN GET RID OF US BEFORE WE COST HER ANY MORE MONEY. WE'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THAT!



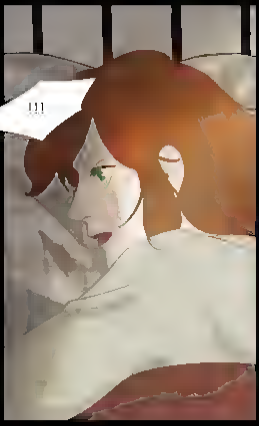
WHAT THE HELL'S THAT STUPID BIRD TALKING ABOUT?!

SCREW WAITING FOR SPRING— **WE'VE GOTTA ESCAPE!** I DON'T WANNA GO BACK TO THAT WEIRD PLACE!!!

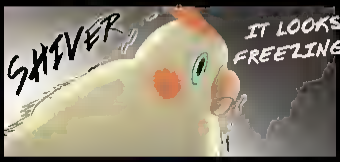


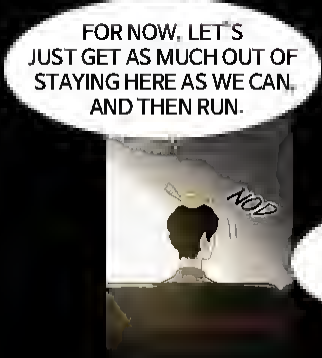
I SEE, ROY.

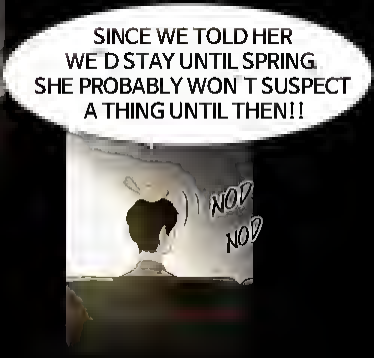
SHOULD WE LEAVE NOW?



WHISTLE


SHIVER
IT LOOKS FREEZING..


FOR NOW, LET'S JUST GET AS MUCH OUT OF STAYING HERE AS WE CAN, AND THEN RUN.
NOD


SINCE WE TOLD HER WE'D STAY UNTIL SPRING, SHE PROBABLY WON'T SUSPECT A THING UNTIL THEN!!
NOD
NOD

SO-
AM...

AH, RIGHT!
WHEN THE FROST IN THE MORNING ON THAT WINDOW GETS TO BE THINNER THAN YOUR FINGERS, WE'LL LEAVE!

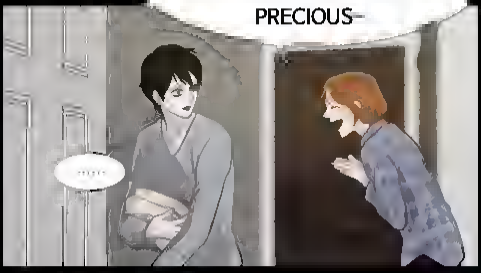
OKAY, ROY.

THAT'S WHEN I STARTED WORKING MY BUTT OFF SINCE THEN!!

YOU MUST BE STARVING, ROY! COME HERE. I MADE SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR YOU!
I FEEL FULL JUST WATCHING YOU EAT! YOU GUYS ARE LIKE FAMILY TO ME~
...HAVE YOU LOST IT?

WINTER. REMEMBER HOW I SHOWED YOU TO WASH YOURSELF LAST TIME? IF YOU NEED HELP, JUST CALL ME. I'LL BE GLAD TO HELP.

DO YOU NEED SOME NEW BODY WASH? SOMETHING THAT SMELLS NICE! SINCE YOUR BODY IS SO PRECIOUS—

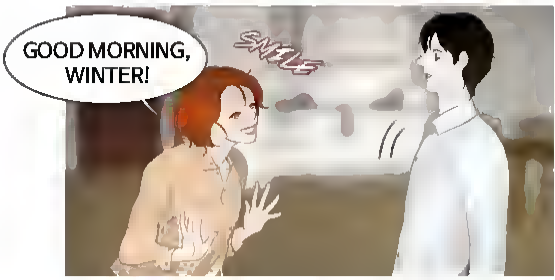


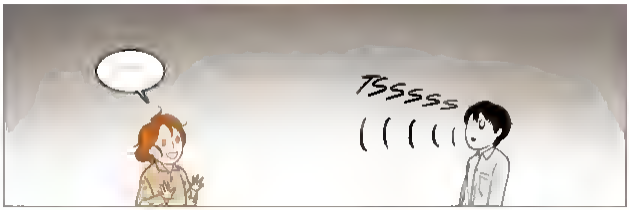
HEHEHE I JUST LO~VE THE THREE OF US SITTING TOGETHER ON THE COUCH LIKE THIS!

WE SHOULD DO THIS MORE OFTEN!

I CAN SEE HOW ROY WOULD WANNA LEAVE, BUT HOW COULD WINTER AGREE TO THAT...!

HA.. AAAH...!
WHAT. A. GOOD. SLEEP.


GOOD MORNING, WINTER!
SMILE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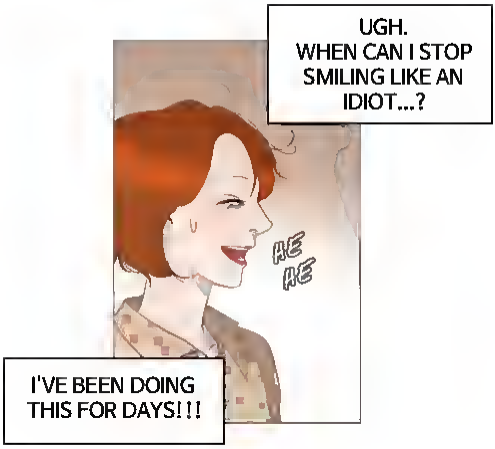
UGH.
WHEN CAN I STOP SMILING LIKE AN IDIOT...?
HE HE
I'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR DAYS!!!

I'M SO TIRED...!

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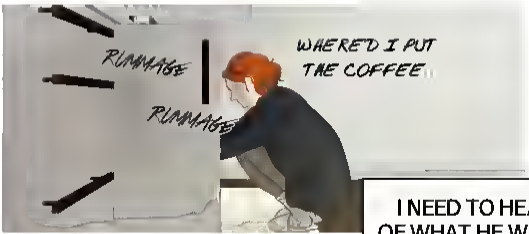
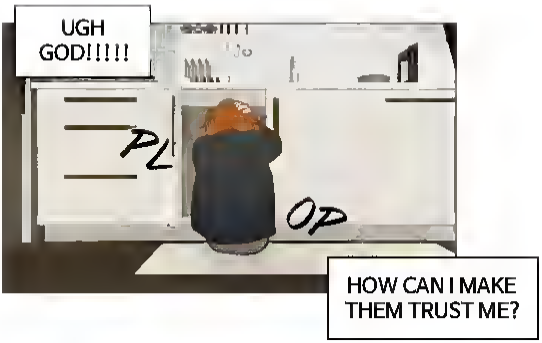


I NEED TO HEAR MORE OF WHAT HE WAS TELLING ME LAST TIME...

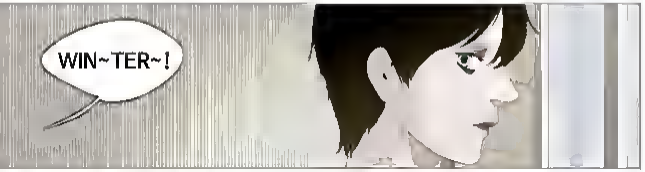
SHOULD I ASK HIM TO TELL ME MORE?


UGH GOD!!!!!
HOW CAN I MAKE THEM TRUST ME?

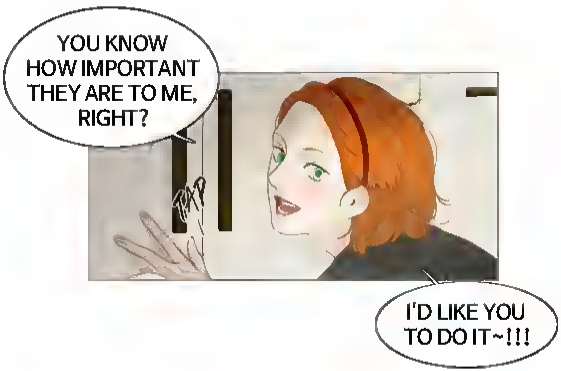
HOW....
TAP
AH! MAYBE I'LL GIVE WINTER SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO DO SO HE WILL FEEL LIKE I TRUST HIM!

YEAH, THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!!!!
TACK!

HE HE HE


WIN~TER~!

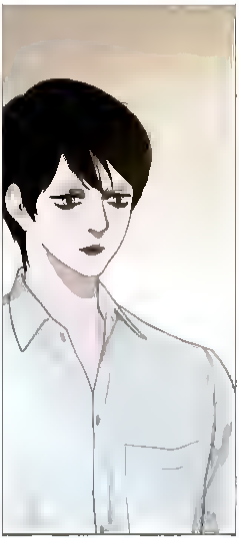
YES, JANE.
NNNSH
CAN YOU WATER THE PLANTS FOR ME?


YOU KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THEY ARE TO ME, RIGHT?
I'D LIKE YOU TO DO IT~!!!

OKAY, JANE.

LIFT !!

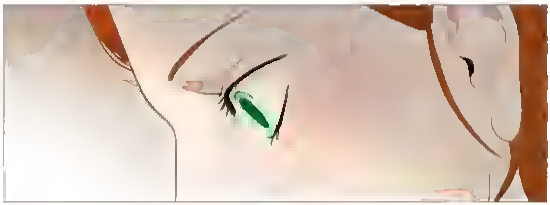
PLOP



WINTER.
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW MUCH TO WATER THEM.
THEN YOU DO IT NEXT TIME, OKAY? IF YOU DON'T TAKE GOOD CARE OF THEM, THEY COULD DIE.
NO!

LOOK.
THE DIRT IN THIS ONE'S ALL DRY.

JUST WATER IT UNTIL IT FEELS A BIT MOIST...



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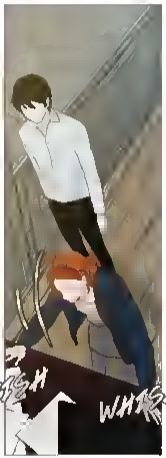
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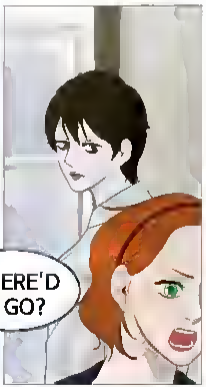
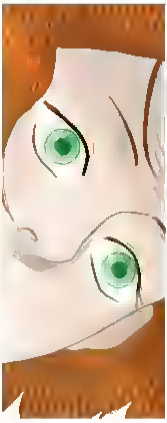

WHERE'D IT GO?

WHERE-
WHOOSH



WHY IS THIS HERE!?
SHAKE
SHAKE

WHERE...?
WHERE... IS IT...

...WINTER?

STAND

WASH

REACH
HERE IT IS, JANE.

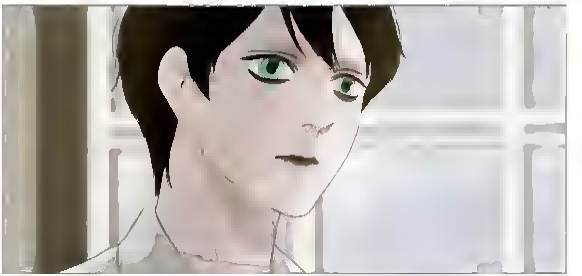
SNATCH

DIDN T I TELL YOU THAT THIS WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME?
YES, YOU DID.

THEN WHY DID YOU TAKE IT?

I JUST...
WANTED TO SEE YOU SUFFER FROM DESPAIR-

WHISH
IS THAT WHY YOU DID THIS?!
YOU KNOW HOW MUCH THIS MEANS TO ME, AND YOU STILL-



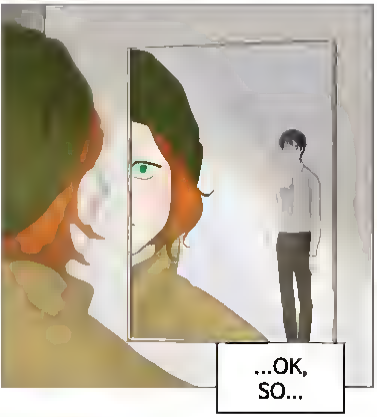
EVEN FOR SOMEONE SO NAIVE, THIS IS JUST...!

PHEW-
I'M WARNING YOU- DON'T YOU EVER DO THAT AGAIN. I MEAN NEVER-
I'M SORRY, JANE.

.....JANE,

WHAT IS
DESPAIR-...

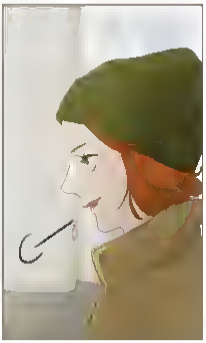
DING DONG
DING DONG~
JANE!!!!
YOU HAVEN'T CLEANED YET, HAVE YOU!?
SHOUT
I'LL START IN A MINUTE!!!!


...OK,
SO...

IT'S NOT LIKE
HE DID THAT
ON PURPOSE~

DO YOU WANNA COME TOO?

NOD!



...BE CAREFUL FROM NOW ON.
I'LL FORGIVE YOU THIS TIME, BUT YOU'LL BE IN BIG TROUBLE NEXT TIME.
ZIP
THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD NEVER DO, NO MATTER HOW CURIOUS YOU ARE. OKAY?
NOD

ALRIGHT THEN.
LET'S GO.

TURN

WHAT'RE YOU WAITING FOR? LET'S GO!

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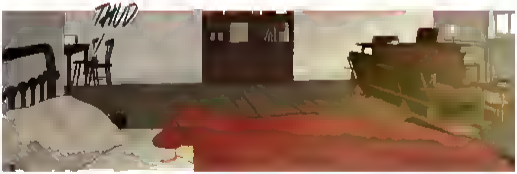
STORY BY COSMOS

ART BY VAN JI

ASSISTANT HYENSEO LEE

CLICK
COME ON, HURRY-
BY THE WAY IT FEELS KINDA QUIET TODAY, DON'T YOU THINK?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